

## Sentencing Subcommittee:

### Ideas:

Create 2 or 3 person subcommittee to propose

Mission statement

Powers and duties

Membership and selection

1. Subcommittee to report via conference call or meet just prior to full Committee on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
2. Pass subcommittee's proposals on to other states to review
3. Mission statement: Same as before
4. Powers and Duties:
  - Review current criminal code sentencing provisions to determine and make recommendations relating to:
    1. Disparity in sentencing, including disparity in sentences imposed for similar conduct and sentences imposed on classes of persons
    2. Truth in Sentencing
    3. Rights of victims
    4. Proportionality of sentences (both within each criminal code provision and between code provisions.... E.g. sentences for domestic abuse vs. sentences for abuse of animals)
    5. Charging decisions (e.g. are there sufficient lesser included offenses to insure that crimes are charged and/or plea bargained at levels that would be in the interest of justice and victims)
    6. Costs associated with implementation of code provisions, including judicial, correctional, and costs to municipalities.
    7. Sentencing procedures (e.g. whether risk assessment measurements should be included in PSIs; who should get copies of PSIs, etc)
    8. Review correctional related practices as they relate to recivism, safety of staff, most efficient use of staff, and compliance with best correctional standards set by the federal government and other states.

- Review proposals for legislation and policies of the Legislative, Judicial and Executive branches of government as requested by said branch.
- Provide expertise and advice to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Department of Corrections, Judicial Branch and others charged with formulating fiscal, correctional and minority impact statements as required by law. The filing of such required statements will not be deemed complete or in compliance with the requirement of filing such impact statements until such time as the PSAB has completed its review of the affected legislation and has filed a report of its review as an addendum to at least one of the aforementioned impact statements.
- Review data supplied by CJJP, the Department of Management, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the Iowa Supreme Court, and others for the purpose of determining the helpfulness and efficiency of the collection of said data.

#### 5. Composition of PSAB

- a. Executive Director: Appointed by a majority vote of the PSAB, to serve a term of four years. The Executive Director is not a member of the Board, but shall provide advice and take direction from the Board.
- b. Three Judicial Appointees: One chosen by the Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court; one District Judge chosen by an association representing a majority of district court judges; and one chosen by an association representing a majority of magistrate judges.
- c. A county attorney chosen by an association representing a majority of Iowa County attorneys.
- d. A person chosen by the State Appellate Defender
- e. The Iowa Attorney General or his or her designee
- f. A person chosen by the Iowa Civil Liberties Union
- g. The Chair and Ranking Member of the House Public Safety Committee
- h. The Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee
- i. Four persons appointed by the Governor of the State of Iowa, approved by the State Senate, and which four persons shall be balanced by gender and political affiliation.